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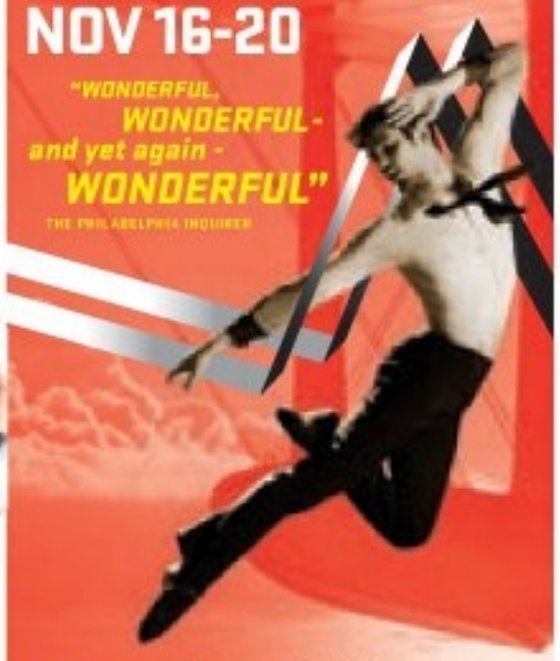

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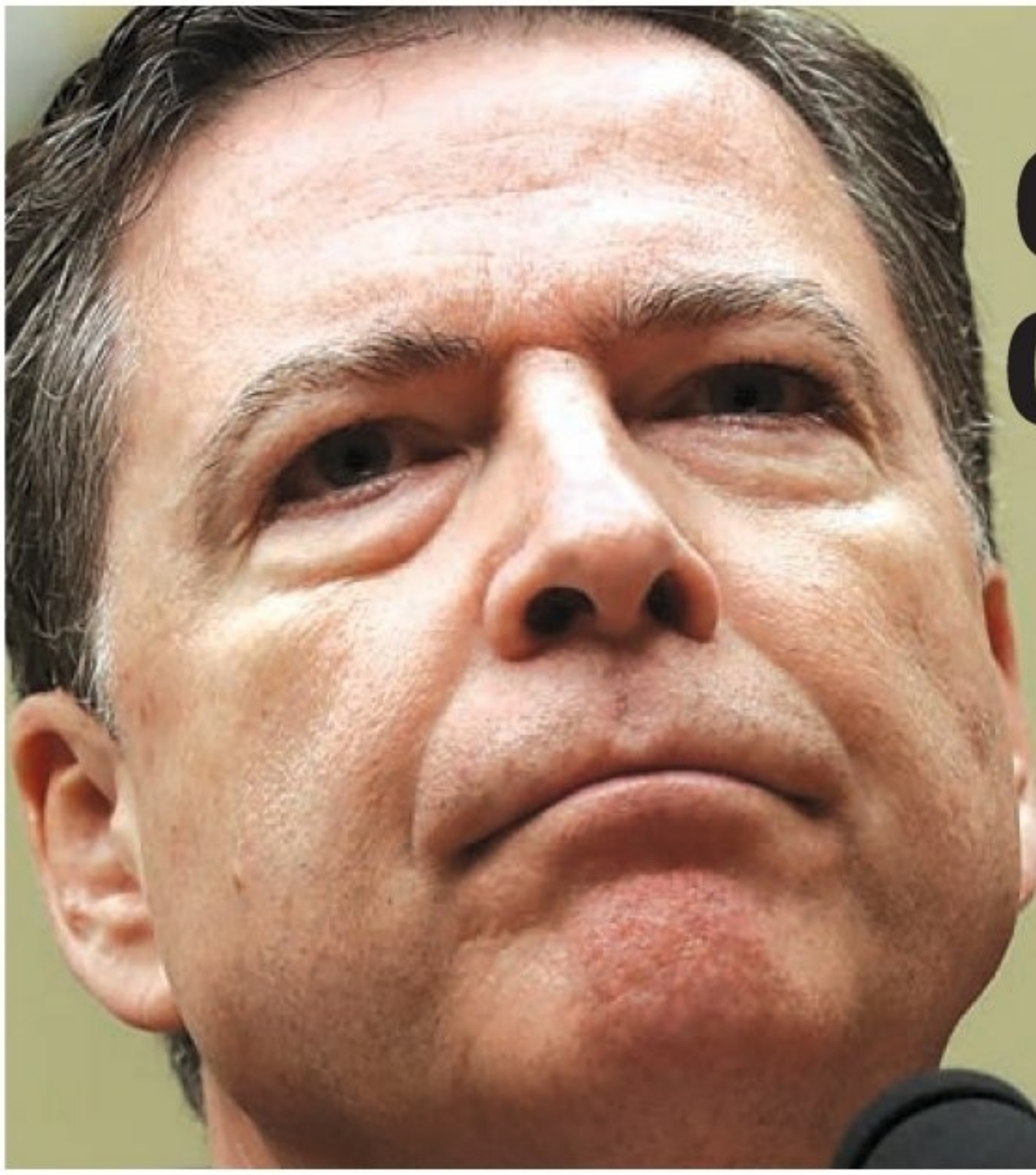

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Take our daily news quiz to test your knowledge by going to **www.metro.us/news-quiz** to submit your answers.

1. Which TV personality acted as the maid of honor recently?

2. What does SEPTA plan to do to ensure voters can get to the polls on Election Day?

3. How many times did the Eagles fail on fourth down in their loss to the Giants Sunday?

## 3 things you need to know

### MAN WHO KEPT WOMAN CHAINED IN CONTAINER KILLED SEVEN

A South Carolina authorities said on Saturday that Todd Kohlepp, the suspect they arrested before discovering the body of a man whose girlfriend was found chained alive in a storage container, had confessed to killing six other people. The confession came a day after the woman who was found in the container told law enforcement that there were four bodies buried on the site. Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright said on Saturday night that Kohlepp had admitted to killing four people at a motorcycle shop in 2003 and also led authorities to the site of two more bodies buried on his South Carolina property. Wright said more bodies could be found, without elaborating. On Friday a body was found the 100-acre property in the town of Woodruff, northeast of Greenville, Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said. REUTERS

### US-BACKED SYRIAN ALLIANCE DECLARES ATTACK ON ISIS IN RAQQA

2 A U.S.-backed alliance of Syrian armed groups said it had launched an operation to retake the northern city of Raqqa, the de facto capital of Islamic State in Syria. The new offensive ratchets up pressure on the militant group at a critical moment, with its fighters already battling an assault by Iraqi security forces on their remaining Iraqi stronghold in the northern city of Mosul. A statement issued by the U.S.-backed Syria Democratic Forces (SDF), an alliance of Kurdish and Arab armed groups, said the campaign, called Euphrates Anger, had begun on Saturday evening. An SDF spokesman had earlier been quoted on Sunday saying it would start within hours. "The general command of the Syria Democratic Forces announces the blessed start of its major military campaign to liberate the city of Raqqa," Jehan Sheikh Amad, an SDF spokeswoman, told a news conference. REUTERS

### SAMSUNG TO LAUNCH AI DIGITAL ASSISTANT SERVICE FOR GALAXY S8

3 Samsung Electronics Co Ltd said on Sunday it would launch an artificial intelligence digital assistant service for its upcoming Galaxy S8 smartphone, seeking to rebound from the Galaxy Note 7's collapse and differentiate its devices. The world's top smartphone maker in October announced the acquisition of Viv Labs Inc, a firm run by a co-creator of Apple Inc's Siri voice assistant program. Samsung plans to integrate the San Jose-based company's AI platform, called Viv, into the Galaxy smartphones and expand voice-assistant services to home appliances and wearable technology devices. Samsung is counting on the Galaxy S8 to help revive smartphone momentum after scrapping the fire-prone Galaxy Note 7, which will hit its profit by $5.4 billion over three quarters through the first quarter of 2017. REUTERS

# Election Day in Pennsylvania: What you need to know

Find out what's on your ballot, where your polling location is, and more.

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A woman arrives at a polling station to cast her ballot during Pennsylvania's state primary presidential election on April 26, 2016. GETTY IMAGES

Pennsylvania emerged as a battleground state and the two major parties are banking on a good turnout in Tuesday's balloting.

Here's what Pennsylvanians need to know before casting their votes.

**When are polls open?**
Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Anyone in line by 8 p.m. will be able to vote.

**Can I still register to vote?**
No. The deadline was Oct. 11.

**What do I need to bring to the polls?**
If you're voting for the first time at your polling location, you'll be required to show a form of photo ID:
—State or U.S. government issued ID.
—U.S. passport.
—U.S. Armed Forces ID.
—Student ID.
—Employee ID.

If you don't have photo ID, provide one of the following:
—A non-photostate or government-issued ID.
—Firearm permit.
—Current utility bill.
—Bank statement.
—Paycheck or government check.
—Confirmation from a county voter registration office.

Voters are also permitted to bring a list of candidates on the ballot and any key issues or specific proposals on the ballot.

**Where's my polling location?**
Find out by entering your address at Pavoterservices.state.pa.us.

**What's on my ballot?**
In addition to the presidential election, there are several local races in Pennsylvania. An important race pits incumbent Republican Sen. Pat Toomey against Democratic challenger Katie McGinty.

Pennsylvanians must also decide whether to raise the retirement age of justices of the Supreme Court, judges, and magisterial district judges to 75. The current retirement age is 70.

In Philadelphia, residents will vote on a city bond question: Should the city borrow $184.3 million for capital spending in the areas of transit, streets and sanitation, municipal buildings, parks and museums, and economic and community development?

To see a full sample ballot, head to Ballotpedia.org.

**What if have a problem casting my vote?**
As per federal law, "no person … shall intimidate, threaten, coerce … any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of [that] person to vote or to vote as he may choose."

Anyone who experiences any form of intimidation or harassment at polling places can contact:
—The Election Protection Hotline ( 1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA en Español)
—The U.S. Department of Justice Voting Rights Hotline (800-253-3931)
—Local officials, including county clerk, elections commissioner, elections supervisor or state board of elections.

Philadelphia voters who experience difficulty casting their votes can contact the city's Election Fraud Task Force at 215-686-9641, 9643 or 9644.

# SEPTA strike threatens Election Day

Six days into a strike by SEPTA's union workers, neither side appears close to compromise as Election Day looms.

The transit agency plans to file an emergency injunction Monday at a state court hearing, and is expected to argue that a continuation of the strike that shut down bus and rail transportation in the city could hamper many voters from accessing the polls.

SEPTA sought an injunction last week, asking a judge to force Transit Workers Union (TWU) Local 234 members back to work immediately, calling the strike a "clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare of our riders and the citizens of Philadelphia and the region."

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The judge denied SEPTA's request Friday.

TWU Local 234 President Willie Brown blasted SEPTA's negotiations tactics in a statement released Saturday night.

"We can't get anywhere at the bargaining table because SEPTA has pinned their hopes on getting an injunction to end the strike," he complained. "SEPTA Board Chairman Pat Deon's plan all along has been to rely on the courts rather than negotiations. He is the one using the election as leverage. This is not the way to end a strike or get an agreement. It's foolhardy to launch a legal Hail Mary pass designed to make SEPTA's high-priced lawyers richer and circumvent the collective bargaining process."

There are more than 1,600 polling locations in Philly, but voters fear delays in their commutes will delay them from accessing voting booths until late in the evening.

Pennsylvania is a battleground state and Philadelphia, mostly home to Democratic voters, is crucial to Hillary Clinton's bid to carry the state.

Brown said worker pensions continue to be a major issue in the contract dispute.

"We have nearly 5,000 workers in our union, SEPTA employs roughly 1,700 managers, yet they put more money into the management plan than frontline workers get," he said. "On top of that last year SEPTA secretly gave each management retiree a $6,000 annual increase in their pension checks. Managers have both a defined benefit pension and a generous match to a 401k plan." ALEXIS SACHDEV

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A billboard reading "Santander: The Bank that Robs You," was unveiled Friday morning along the northbound and southbound lanes of I-95 in Fishtown.
CHARLES MOSTOLLER

# Philly lawyer buys billboard in war with bank

A Philadelphia lawyer paid $25,000 for the ad.

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Thousands of commuters driving through Fishtown during the weekend were exposed to the latest tactic in a Philadelphia lawyer's ongoing fight against Santander Bank.

At 6 a.m. Friday, a billboard went up over I-95 near the interchange with I-676 that looked just like an ad for Santander Bank.

Same color. Same logo. Different message.

"Santander: The Bank That Robs You," the electronic billboard reads, with "Paid for by Peruto.com" in fine print below.

"It may get me sued, but I'm in it to win it," said Philly defense attorney Chuck Peruto, who is suing Santander over what he claims is fraud, while picketing outside Santander under the Clothespin in Center City on Friday around noon. "They robbed me."

Santander declined to comment on Peruto's billboard.

Peruto plunked down $25,000 for the billboard after months trying to find an advertising company willing to let him put it up. A company agreed to accept his billboard idea only after he agreed to accept all legal liability related to it, he said.

Peruto said he took out a $1.9 million loan in 2012 for a real estate investment. When he paid the loan back early several months ago, he was hit with a $267,400 penalty — more than 10 times what he expected based on reviewing the paperwork, he said.

After months of failing to make headway, Peruto took to the streets as he sued the bank. He has been picketing various Santander branches for weeks.

Peruto's lawsuit was filed in the Court of Common Pleas, but was shifted over to federal court, where it was dismissed by a judge last month. Peruto is appealing that decision.

"Santander has prevailed in this case in the trial court," a Santander spokeswoman said via email. "This case is entirely without merit and we will continue to defend ourselves vigorously and pursue all legal options."

Peruto groused on Friday that the federal judge dismissed his suit without a hearing or any testimony.

He now claims the paperwork that articulates the complex mathematical formula for calculating early repayment penalties wasn't even in the documents he reviewed when he agreed to the loan's terms.

He said that document was added just before he sent his son, with power of attorney, to sign the final paperwork. He said he had no idea his son was signing off on papers he had not reviewed.

"They don't have my signature on it. Nothing," he said. "They snuck that in there. That was not in there before."

Peruto said the amount he was fined was equivalent to years of savings.

Peruto has hit the streets with flyers and friends carrying picket signs outside Santander branches 10 times so far, he said. He claims sheriffs in Media threatened to arrest him for protesting, but he wouldn't back down.

Peruto already paid the penalty, but he wants it back. Even then, he said he'll keep crusading against the bank.

"After they pay me, I'm not stopping. No," he said. "Everybody in the world should be aware of what they do."

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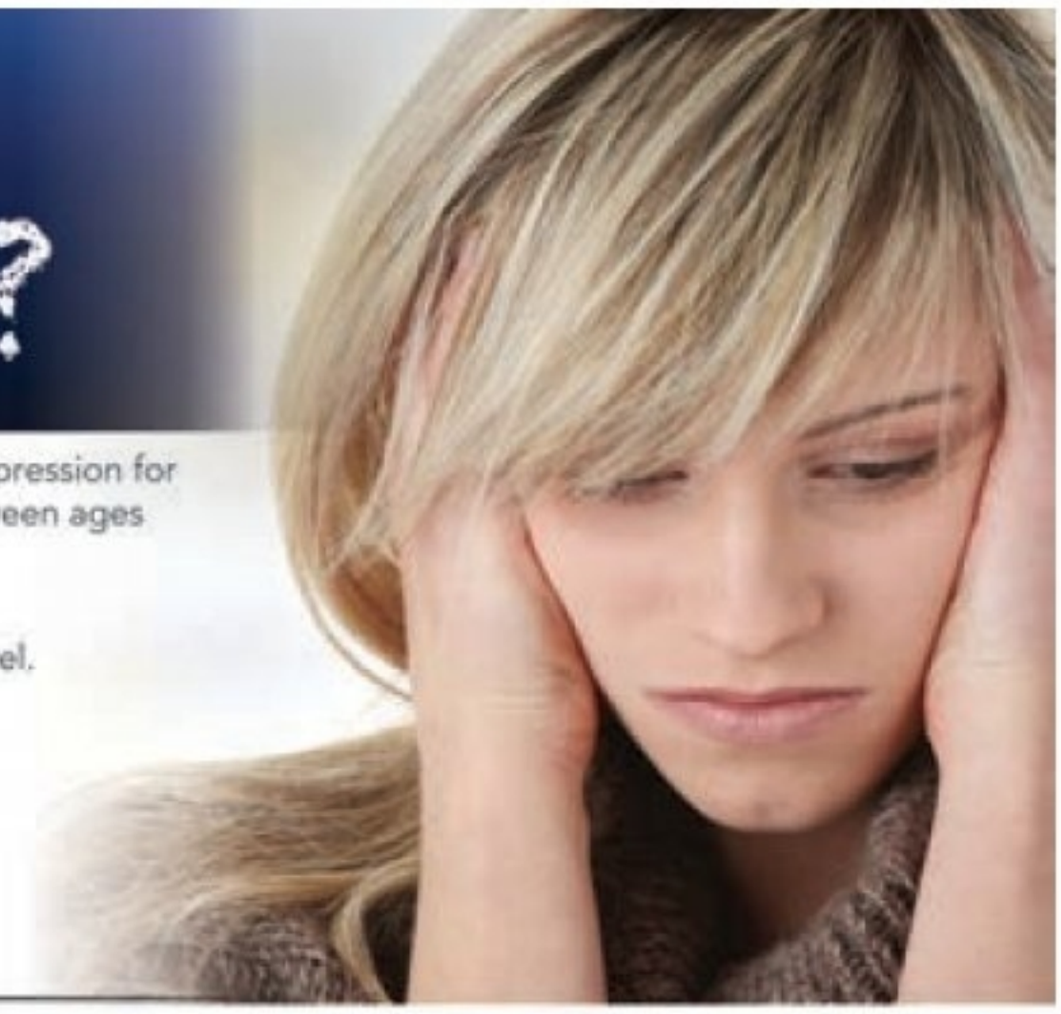

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# POST-ELECTION EXTRA-SUPERMOON COMING

**Bolaris' Weather Watch**

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Sometimes as a meteorologist, when the weather looks quite tranquil from coast to coast, you look for a little nugget, something to ponder.

Not only can we look forward to a supermoon, which is a full moon with the closest approach the moon makes to the earth, but it will be an extra-supermoon as its perceived size and brightness will be the largest in almost a century.

The last time we had an extra-supermoon was in January of 1948, also an election year. On Nov. 2 of that year, President Harry S. Truman, the Democratic incumbent, defeated Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican nominee.

The 1948 election is considered to be the greatest election upset in American history. Virtually every prediction had Dewey easily defeating Truman.

The extra-supermoon will occur on Monday, Nov. 14. Its size will appear to be 14 percent larger and its brightness will increase by 30 percent. If the skies are clear, it will be a brilliant display. If skies are cloudy, you'll need to wait until September of 2034 for the next one.

Now if you would like to take this into the astrological realm, astrologist Serge Bernard, who has been an astrologer since 1975, gives his bottom line on what it might or might not mean for the upcoming election.

"I am anticipating that unexpected events are likely to happen between now, the inauguration and even after," he predicts. "New key revelations have a high probability to be brought to light. All along this U.S. election has been unconventional and so its outcome is expected too. We are living in confusing times, more critical truths are likely to come out and more surprising events are to be anticipated. I am leaving to your imagination what those future events might be."

Oh, by the way, the weather will be gorgeous for this Election Day. Sunny skies with temperatures in the 60s will make it a no-excuse Tuesday to get out and vote.

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# Transit strike prompts Uber and Lyft to offer free rides on Election Day

Don't let the transit shutdown keep you from the polls.

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Ride-hailing and ride-sharing services are hoping to ease the stress of commuters who worry about making it to the polls Tuesday should the strike by SEPTA's union workers continue.

Uber and Lyft announced they will offer free rides on Election Day, through a partnership with super PAC My Ride to Vote.

Voters in Pennsylvania can receive $15 off a ride to and from their polling location from either service Tuesday by using the promo code "VOTEPA."

The political organization is crowd-funding payment for those rides from people around the country. It's focusing its efforts on Pennsylvania, because "if Donald Trump loses Pennsylvania, he won't be President Trump," the group says on its CrowdPAC page.

As of Sunday afternoon, the group has raised just more than $206,000. It estimates that each donation of $15 will get a voter to the polls. In an update posted Saturday, the committee said that amid Philly's transit strike, getting out the vote is still crucial in "one of the largest turnout cities for Pennsylvania."

Meanwhile Lyft is offering two more Election Day promotions: $20 off the first ride for new users with promo code "VOTETODAY" on Tuesday, and a 45 percent discount on one ride, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., to commemorate electing the 45th president.

## BRIEFS

**Uber, Lyft finally become legal in Philly**

Uber and Lyft can legally pick up riders in Philadelphia.

The incredibly popular ride-share apps have been protested, sued, and targeted by the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA). But none of that stopped them from operating in the city, as their new approach to the taxi business cannibalized the traditional cab industry by an estimated 60 percent.

Gov. Tom Wolf signed legislation Friday that legalizes Uber and Lyft statewide. The legislation allows a tax on the services that will go toward the PPA and the School District of Philadelphia.

Uber is celebrating the news by expanding their service for the first time to 10 more counties in Pennsylvania: Lawrence, Beaver, Crawford, Mercer, Clinton, Lycoming, Union, Northumberland, Montour, and Columbia.

Uber said in a statement that the app will be available to "100 percent of Pennsylvanians" as of 5 p.m. on Nov. 4. **SAM NEWHOUSE**

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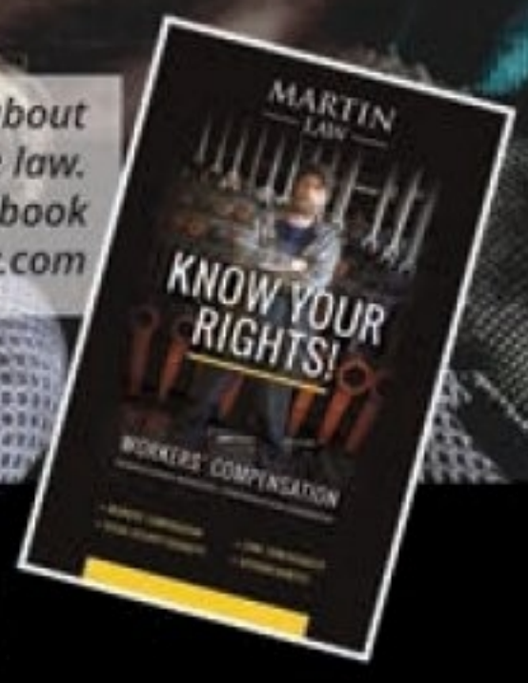


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# BIKE THE VOTE: WHICH CANDIDATES ARE BEST FOR PHILADELPHIA'S STREETS

Bicyclists ride out to the end of Race Street along the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. GETTY IMAGES

**RANDY LOBASSO**

This year's long, nightmarish election season comes to an end tomorrow. And one thing that's been lost in the political hay this year has been policies.

We've heard a lot about one candidate's emails and another candidate's jovial penchant for sexually assaulting women; not so much about the Transportation Alternatives Program or what candidates plan to do about the 35,000 yearly American traffic deaths.

And that's with good reason. Neither candidate has made much noise about their plans for street infrastructure. They've attempted to one-up each other on how much money they'd spend on their mostly vague infrastructure plans ($275 billion for Clinton; $1 trillion for Trump).

But neither candidate has talked much about alternative modes of transportation — other than Trump making fun of Secretary of State John Kerry for riding a bicycle. Climate change was not brought up once in any presidential debate this year.

But these issues are important. More Americans are using a bicycle as their primary mode of transportation in more than a century. Urban trails have become a mainstay of many growing U.S. cities. Bike-share systems are a viable form of public transportation used by millions across the U.S.

Despite the lack of information from the mainstream media or candidates on their plans for bicycling, the best way to address the issue of alternative transportation may be look at their party's platforms, and what party leaders have said, voted on, and done in response to multi-modal plans.

The Republican Party has spent the last eight years opposing President Obama on all his policies, so it should come as no surprise that when the president proposed more money for transit and alternative infrastructure grants, they opposed it.

Early on in Obama's tenure, the so-called Tea Party fueled a conspiracy theory about something called Agenda 21, a sustainable development global partnership resolution agreed upon by President George H.W. Bush.

A Colorado gubernatorial candidate, for instance, cited the resolution when opposing bike share for Denver. Maine Gov. Paul LePage cancelled a project to ease congestion, citing the United Nations plot. Some state legislators even claimed Agenda 21 would somehow result in "forced abortions."

First through his stimulus plan, then through general policy, President Obama has been able to secure some (but not nearly enough) federal dollars for multi-modal funding. Small programs like TIGER and Transportation Alternatives Program have helped cities like Philadelphia, especially as we complete our trail system. (TAP funds helped build out our Indego bike-share system, the Manayunk Bridge Trail, and the Schuylkill River Trail.)

So, it's sort of weird that U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., literally wrote the bill that would have eliminated all money for the program, moving those funds into highway spending.

Toomey's job-killing legislation failed to gather the 60 votes needed to move forward, but was supported by every Republican who voted, and some conservative Democrats.

Alternative transportation funds are low-hanging fruit for conservatives who claim to fetishize non-weaponry budgetary constraints. So it's no surprise that the 2016 RNC platform would eliminate federal funding for walking, transit and bicycling infrastructure.

The Democratic platform looks at this issue differently. Democrats, according to their platform, look at bicycles and pedestrian infrastructure as valuable to environmental and clean energy policy — and support Transportation Alternative funds both in policy and in voting. The DNC platform explicitly says the government should "coerce people out of cars" in its push for social engineering.

Democrats have regularly supported funding programs and grants to support bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, while Republicans have opposed it, but there are a couple bright spots. New Jersey Congressman Frank LoBiondo was the only Republican in the House Transportation Committee to oppose the elimination of bicycle and pedestrian funding during SAFETY LU deliberations in 2012.

And House Republicans from Wisconsin, Illinois and Mississippi actually championed local control of transportation funds for non-highway community projects, which has helped Philadelphia when dealing with TAP grants.

As noted by the Bike League earlier this year, one thing to keep in mind is that for the first time, both parties are at least talking about bicycling. Even the Republicans, while they oppose programs for funding infrastructure, admit that amenities like bike trails are "worthwhile enterprises" — just not worthwhile enough for the government to fund.

# Students at Trump's alma mater snub him, support Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton speaking on Oct. 22 at the University of Pennsylvania. GETTY IMAGES

The Daily Pennsylvanian, the student newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania, endorsed Clinton.

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Donald Trump shouldn't bank on the collegiate vote in Philadelphia — students at his alma mater are largely supporting Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

The Daily Pennsylvanian, the student newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania, endorsed Clinton on Oct. 20. Trump was graduated in 1968 from Penn after spending two years at Fordham University in New York.

"Not to say that there aren't [Trump] supporters on campus, but some people became concerned about how he's representing the community," said The Daily Pennsylvanian President Colin Henderson. "We aren't trying to influence the result of the election but we are trying to represent the majority's point of view as best we can."

Henderson and Isabel Kim, the newspaper's opinion editor, said that the university's administration has been quiet regarding their Clinton endorsement. They have received positive feedback from students about it, they said.

A Penn alumni group did not return a request for comment about the endorsement.

Not only is Republican candidate Donald Trump a Penn alumnus, but three of his five children also attended Penn.

Students at the university's Wharton School of Business recently drafted a letter of their own saying that Trump doesn't accurately represent the school.

"Trump is kind of embarrassing," said Kim. "From the beginning, students were leaning more towards Hillary, and there were a lot of Bernie supporters."

Political endorsements aren't unusual for the student newspaper. It endorsed Clinton during the primary elections. Kim said that the paper typically endorses politicians during presidential elections.

The Daily Pennsylvanian endorsement stated that Trump demonstrated an "inability to actually articulate a coherent policy agenda beyond generalized, sometimes implausible or illegal, suggestions."

It went on to say Trump is uniformed on domestic and foreign policy. "We were pretty firm in what we wanted to say," said Henderson. "I think the differences between the two candidates have been made extremely clear."

> *"No one is going to pay attention to a protest vote in this election."*
>
> Isabel Kim

Newspapers from Temple and Drexel universities did not formally endorse a presidential candidate but did encourage students to vote on Tuesday.

In addition to endorsing Clinton, the Daily Pennsylvanian discouraged students from throwing away their votes on a third-party candidate.

"No one is going to pay attention to a protest vote in this election," said Kim. "If you have a vested interest in this country for the next four years, you do need to vote."

# Final reckoning approaches for Obama's Supreme Court nominee

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Several intriguing scenarios could unfold after Tuesday's election to break the deadlock over filling a Supreme Court vacancy that has provoked a bitter nine-month standoff between President Barack Obama and Senate Republicans.

Obama nominated U.S. Appeals Court Judge Merrick Garland on March 16 to replace long-serving conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who died on Feb. 13. The Republican-led Senate, in a move with little precedent, has refused to consider the nomination, saying the winner of the presidential election should make the pick.

If Republican Donald Trump wins, Garland's nomination would be dead. Trump has already put forth a list of conservative jurists as potential nominees.

If Obama's fellow Democrat Hillary Clinton wins, there are ways Garland could secure Senate confirmation to the lifetime post before Obama leaves office on Jan. 20.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell has been adamant that Obama's successor should select Scalia's replacement and that he will not consider Garland's nomination during a postelection "lame duck" session.

But McConnell could come under pressure by some Senate Republicans to allow confirmation hearings and a vote on Garland, who has a reputation in Washington as a moderate, out of fear Clinton could instead choose a more liberal nominee.

> *"Garland is a liberal, not a centrist."*
> Severino

The Senate's inaction on Garland has made the Supreme Court a potent issue in the election. After many years of leaning conservative, a new Democratic appointment could tilt the court to the left for the first time in decades. Scalia's death left the court split with four liberals and four conservatives.

Conservative activists dismiss the notion Garland is a moderate, saying he would vote with the four liberal justices on major, ideologically divisive issues.

"Garland is a liberal, not a centrist," said Carrie Severino, a lawyer with the Judicial Crisis Network.

Liberal activists like Caroline Fredrickson, president of the American Constitution Society, said Republicans should move forward on Garland.

"He's got every qualification you could ask for. He's exactly the type of judge they claimed they wanted," Fredrickson said.

If Democrats win control of the Senate in Tuesday's election, the new congressional session would begin on Jan. 3, and they could decide to move forward immediately on Garland's nomination before Obama's term ends. REUTERS

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# FBI director clears Clinton again of wrongdoing in email investigation

James Comey backpedals from implicating Clinton for criminal conduct.

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In another surprise move, FBI Director James Comey wrote a new letter to Congress on Sunday stating that he and the agency have not changed their position that Hillary Clinton should not face criminal charges related to her use of private email.

The letter delivered Sunday to Republicans on the House Oversight Committee stated that the FBI "has not changed its conclusions expressed in July with respect to Secretary Clinton."

"I write to supplement my October 28, 2016 letter that notified you the FBI would be taking additional investigative steps with respect to former Secretary of State Clinton's use of a personal email server," Comey wrote. "Since my letter, the FBI investigative team has been working around the clock to process and review a large volume of emails from a device obtained in connection with an unrelated criminal investigation."

In July, Comey concluded that "we cannot find a case that would support bringing criminal charges on these facts."

The majority of the emails found on a decade-old computer seized in a sexting investigation of Anthony Weiner, the estranged husband of Clinton's aide Huma Abedin, were mostly duplicates of the emails reviewed previously, CNN reported.

At a rally in North Carolina, Donald Trump continued to claim that his opponent is guilty of treason. "Mishandling classified information is a crime," he said.

"Hillary Clinton will be under investigation for a long, long time for her many crimes against our nation, our people, our democracy, likely concluding in a criminal trial," Trump said in North Carolina. Supporters chanted, "Lock her up! Lock her up!"

Comey faced an onslaught of criticism for apparently insinuating 11 days before Election Day that the Democratic nominee engaged in criminal misconduct with regards to classified information. "The FBI has learned of the existence of emails that appear to be pertinent to the investigation," and the agency will work to "determine whether they contain classified information."

Both Democrats and Republicans demanded more information from the FBI director.

"By providing selective information, he's allowed partisans to distort and exaggerate in order to inflict maximum political damage and no one can separate what is true from what is not because Comey has not been forthcoming with the facts," Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta said.

***"We're glad this issue is resolved, but for the record, this could easily have been learned before 1st letter was sent."***

Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon wrote on Twitter

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The Fontainebleau hotel in Miami is offering an exclusive NYE experience that includes five nights accommodations in their suites for up to 10 guests, free access to luxury cars, a private escort to Skrillex's set, a stage-front table at Justin's concert, plus a two-hour spa treatment and bloody mary bar to soothe the next day's hangover.

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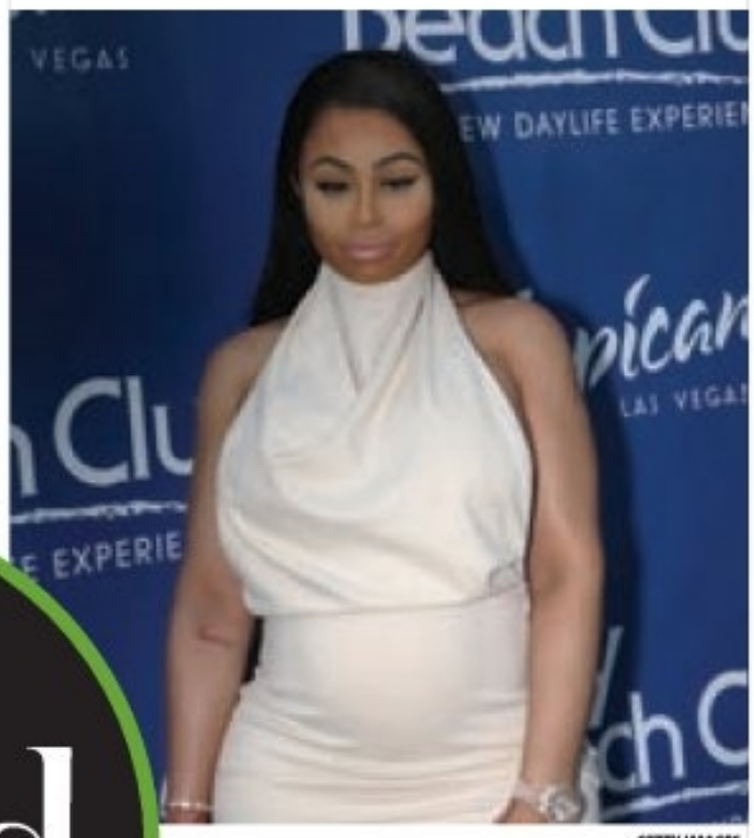
# Blac Chyna goes off on Wendy Williams

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Talk show host Wendy Williams hit a sore spot with Blac Chyna during a segment on her show Friday.

Wendy ranted about Rob Kardashian lacking confidence and being taken advantage of by Chyna and her mother for money and fame.

Needless to say, Rob's pregnant fiance wasn't happy. Blac Chyna posted a less than flattering picture of Wendy on her Instagram and let her have it in the caption. She raged:

"You go out there talking about my family like you just hit the pipe backstage! When I decided to do this show I knew I would be letting the world see us. But your horse face a– woke up on the wrong side of the stable and decide to go overboard with your f– boy comments."

Chyna is set to give birth next week at the luxurious Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. It'll cost around $4,000 a night according to TMZ. Whatever she's doing with Rob is clearly paying off.

# Ryan Seacrest was the cutest man of honor

Ryan Seacrest took a break from hosting his radio show and executive producing "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" for a new role that he took just as serious: Man of Honor.

People reports that Seacrest's younger sister Meredith got married on Saturday in Mexico with her big brother by her side, allowing him to assume the role of a traditional maid of honor.

The day before the wedding, Ryan made sure that his sister's dress was ready to go. And on the day of the wedding, he and sissy had a morning workout and he proudly flashed his Man of Honor placard. Ryan and Meredith are pretty tight, she is the executive director and COO of the Ryan Seacrest Foundation. But this put the icing on the cake for cute sibling love.

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# Taking the time

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club aimed for thoughtfulness with their latest album.

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Black Rebel Motorcycle Club percussionist Leah Shapiro is back to bringing the beats after the road to recovery. JAMES MINCHIN

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More than a couple of years have passed since Black Rebel Motorcycle Club released their seventh album "Specter at the Feast" back in 2013. Should we be worried about the garage-psych trio's relative silence since touring for that record wrapped in 2014? Clearly not, because the Los Angeles-based band is playing a fall co-headlining tour with Death From Above 1979, and openers Deap Vally.

The tour could be one of the hottest triple shots of the year, but there's even better news for BRMC fans: They're working on their unannounced next album and at some shows have aired new songs.

Drummer Leah Shapiro spoke to us during a noisy soundcheck in a hot, humid Austin.

**Is BRMC touring to road test new songs or to blow off the cobwebs?**
It's a bit of both, really. We have road tested a couple of the new songs.

But we're also writing on the road. We usually use soundcheck to write and get new ideas going. It's more fun working things out on a big stage where things sound really good. It's better than our small studio. We actually feel more inspired doing it this way. In all we've written five new songs; when we get off tour we'll get back into our studio writing mode to finish the album.

**Since touring the last album, you underwent major surgery.**
Yeah. Ugh! It was for a neurological disease. Brain surgery, that's no fun. There are many other things I would rather have been doing, but I'm recovered now.

**The last album took two years to make. Is there any set timeframe to finish this record?**
It's going to take as long as it's going to take. I'd rather take two years or more and end up with something we feel good about than slapping something out. It's hard to put a deadline on making a record. If you do you're setting yourself up for stress. We just try to focus on writing and let other people stress about that.

**Ideally the recording process should be enjoyable. Is it?**
It does get to the point where you are in the rabbit hole focused on one thing. We can spend a lot of time working out arrangements. We try every option before settling on something. You can get lost in that and be there forever. Sometimes you get so close to something that you lose perspective. You have to pull out at some point. It helps to have someone to yank you out of that.

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# Defying old Asian stereotypes

Benedict Wong talks about reworking a questionable character for "Doctor Strange."

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Benedict Wong quietly — very quietly — steals a chunk of "Doctor Strange." He plays Wong, a stone-faced, intimidating guardian of the library of mystic books housed in Kamar-Taj, the headquarters for the film's legion of goodly sorcerers. Wong was in the original Marvel comics, launched in 1963 and concerning an American neurosurgeon (played by Benedict Cumberbatch) who becomes a powerful magician.

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However, Wong was originally more of an Asian stereotype: basically a manservant whose most requested task involved making tea.

That had to be done away with for the splashy new movie. And so Wong — an English character actor whose CV includes "Dirty Pretty Things" and Kublai Khan on Netflix's "Marco Polo" — wound up embodying a character with the same name but a very different function. He makes for fine comic relief when paired with the more emotional Cumberbatch.

Wong, 45, talks to us about updating his character and mixing drama, blockbusters and comedy.

In "Doctor Strange," Benedict Wong plays the humorously humorless Wong, the fearsome guardian of a library of mystic books. MARVEL

**Wong became a very different character from the comics, for obvious reasons. In the movie he's more like a drill sergeant.**

I guess it was a very different time then. When I was reading the source material, that element popped up and sort of irked me. During preparation, I would have chats with [Marvel film producer] Kevin Feige and Scott [Derrickson, director], and they were all on the same page: This needs to be updated. Hopefully people find it refreshing that we've got this character who stands alongside Strange, this cheese-and-chalk couple that come and go. It's definitely the better version of him.

**We've been seeing more Asian characters on screens that are three-dimensional characters.**

And we've got to keep on going, breaking out of those boxes. I think audiences deserve to be educated so that we add a little color to the world. We just want to be playing positive roles. I'm in a very fortunate position. Any actor of color asked by any journalist about diversity knows this is an ongoing conversation. Those questions also need to be asked for the gatekeepers: producers, casting directors. They need to be asked, "How can we solve this?"

**You have a very diverse résumé. You've done big budget films as well as small ones, theater and TV, drama and comedy.**

[Laughs] Yeah, the medical episode. I like to mix it up in terms of genres. It's difficult sometimes for actors, because you're trying to pay the bills as well. I've been very fortunate.

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# 'Progress and Congress' is the perfect comedy show for Election Day

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The 2016 presidential election cycle has been perhaps the most bizarre race in the history. No matter if it's Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump who earns the votes needed to become president, one thing is for sure: After the year we, the people, have had, we need — nay, *deserve* — some laughs.

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On Tuesday, Nov. 8— Election Day itself — the unique and hilarious recurring show "Progress and Congress" will take to the stage at the Good Good Comedy Theater in Chinatown.

"Progress and Congress" is a heavily interactive show that allows the audience and comedians alike to intermingle and — quite possibly — agree on things all night long.

"The audience writes laws, which the comedians on stage vote on," host and show creator Alex Grubard explained. "And these turn into 'show laws,' basically. One time, they voted to change the whole background to a picture of John Goodman. Another time, everyone decided that people were allowed to heckle, but only in Spanish."

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the very beginning. Each month, the comedians who are slated for the show actually have no idea if they will appear until just a few days before the show.

On their personal Facebook profile pages as well as the show's page itself, the comedians campaign for votes, asking their friends and fellow comics to cast a virtual ballot for them to appear.

The unpredictable nature of the show, where literally anything can happen, is almost the perfect commentary on the 2016 election season as a whole.

"Progress and Congress" will not be the only politically themed show at Good Good Comedy Theater on Election Day. As the election results trickle in from across the country, "Progress and Congress" will be followed by the storytelling show "Schooled: Student Council" and a special "election edition" of "Party Lines" to close out the night.

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# Build a better workplace

Two books offer expert tips for creating and sustaining a positive environment at the office.

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Shola Richards' workplace had become so unbearably toxic that he considered driving his car off the freeway overpass.

After two years at a "soul-destroying" job in education, this — contemplating suicide — was the breaking point. He finally quit to begin a career helping others struggling in similarly unhealthy work environments.

"I thought to myself, 'Who's doing something about this?'" says Richards. "When I realized nobody was — well, not to the level I wanted, anyway — I decided to lead the journey myself."

Amy Cooper Hakim experienced a less daunting situation with her first post-college job in the staffing industry. The cutthroat, hostile environment forced her to leave after only a month. But it was her grandmother's book about dealing with challenging people at work—which she has now expanded and revised into "Working With Difficult People"—that inspired her. She threw herself into a mountain of research and eventually landed a job in organizational psychology. "Basically, I help employees and employers get along better," she says.

With the advice of these workplace experts, we've compiled tips for fostering a positive office environment.

## Maintain respect

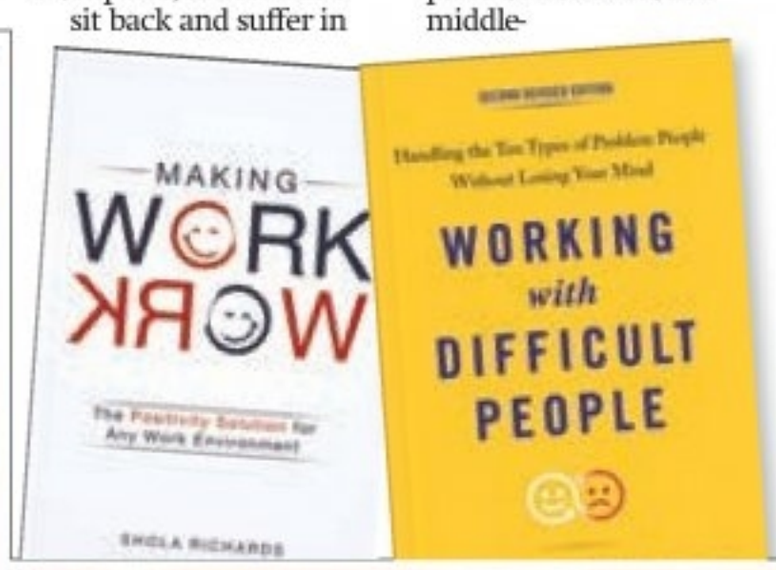
"Respect is a basic skill we strive to enforce in our children from a young age," explains Richards, "but somehow forget about as we get older." It's typically the guiding principle in a kindergarten classroom and should also be in the workplace — but not just when it's convenient. "It has to be practiced consistently and relentlessly," says Richards. He suggests people take the time to write out "respect commitments," explicit promises that can be referred to. He has one that he reminds himself of daily: "When in conflict with someone else, I will have the courage to speak to the person, not about the person."

## Be assertive

When it comes to dealing with bullies in the workplace, rather than sit back and suffer in silence, Richards recommends being frank. "Having direct conversations with people who are being difficult and simply asking them to stop or modify their behavior really brings about positivity," he says. Further, bullies in particular tend to prey on silent victims, adds Hakim. Her tip — a piece of advice from a middle-school principal — is easy: Look them in the eye and tell them, "Thank you. I didn't ask for your opinion."

## Take emotion out

When we're upset, we tend to let our emotions drive our decision-making, says Hakim. Rather than immediately react, consider the person's tendencies. "If you're able to take the emotion out and look at it from a logical standpoint and apply critical thinking instead," explains Hakim, "then you're really able to get what you need from that person." By responding in a mature, kind, respectful manner, she says, "you're also likely to avoid problems down the road."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# How to break into investigative journalism

As a staff writer at The New Yorker, professor of creative nonfiction at Yale and a 2016 MacArthur grant recipient, Sarah Stillman, 32, has mastered the art of long-form investigative journalism. We talked with her about crafting compelling articles and entering an industry that requires, more than anything, persistence.

Sarah Stillman is one of the 23 MacArthur fellows awarded in 2016.
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**Why did you choose this career?**
Investigative journalism seemed like an opportunity to dive very deeply into particular social problems that I cared a lot about, but didn't see getting a lot of media coverage. Temperamentally, I'm also someone who likes to take my time. I've never been someone who did daily news style journalism and had to parachute in.

**How did you get where you are today?**
I found one particular project that I was deeply obsessed with — an article about workers who were being trafficked to U.S. military bases and subject to labor abuses — and that gave me the chance to really hone and polish a story that my heart was set upon telling. I also received the reporting award from NYU that allowed me to travel and finish reporting the story in Afghanistan. When the article was done, I sent it to The New Yorker and a really remarkable editor was kind enough to give it a read.

**What's your best advice for someone interested in investigative journalism?**
Instead of feeling pulled in a million different directions to publish constant streams of tweets, blog posts and articles ... pursue one particular project with a great degree of passion. Increasingly, there's this incredible network of nonprofit journalistic institutions that are helping to support writers with these kind of projects.

**After researching, how do you sift through information and start writing?**
I always sit down and make a list of the five core things that I can't live without in the story, and then I figure out how they are connected and how I'm going to weave them together.

**What's the most crucial skill for journalists to develop?**
It takes an incredible amount of persistence. You can't be willing to give up at the first rejection or to let a story go by the wayside because you're not making immediate headway. It's also crucial for journalists to have an open mind. I came at this as somebody who trained in anthropology and ethnography, and part of the fundamentals of that field is recognizing that it takes a deep investment of time and care to try to even begin to scratch the surface of another person's world.

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# Eagles fourth down issues lead to downfall in tough loss to Giants

The Eagles had a ton of chances to comeback but failed to overcome early mistakes in a loss to the Giants.

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Darren Sproles was the featured back for the Eagles Sunday, rushing for 57 yards and catching three passes in the Week 9 setback. GETTY IMAGES

Stop us if you've heard this one before. With time ticking away in the fourth quarter, Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz had the football in his hands with Philly down by one possession (twice) against NFC East rivals the Giants.

But the rookie played like a rookie once again down the stretch as the Giants held on for the dramatic 28-23 victory.

Eli Manning was the story for the Giants, as the two-time Super Bowl champ fired off four touchdown passes on 22-for-36 passing, tallying 257 yards in a win that moves New York to 5-3 on the year.

Wentz had a career high, compiling 364, but he wasn't the story on the Eagles' side. Instead it was head coach Doug Pederson, who peculiarly went for it twice on fourth and short in the fourth quarter, opting not to take three points in both situations — each costing Philly big time in the loss moving the team to 4-4.

In the key Philly drive with seven minutes on the clock, a dropped Nelson Agholor pass on third down forced Pederson to go for it on fourth-and-nine. Jordan Matthews converted the third fourth down try for the Eagles on a pass right over the middle to keep the drive alive. Caleb Sturgis hit a 39-yard field goal to cut the Giants' lead to 28-23 with just under four minutes to play.

With the Giants ready run down the clock inside the two-minute warning, a tipped pass by Connor Barwin ended up in Jordan Hicks' hands — the interception setting Wentz up one more time with the chance to make a game-winning march.

Fittingly, it took a fourth fourth down try for the Eagles to keep their hopes alive, but Wentz' fade toss to Matthews in the corner of the Eagles' end zone hit the turf, and that was that.

> *"I really felt good about how we were moving the football and it was my decision to stay aggressive."*
>
> Doug Pederson on why he repeatedly went for it on fourth down.

Wentz threw two interceptions in the first quarter for the second time in three games. But unlike in their defensively dominant win over the Vikings in Week 7, the Giants turned both turnovers into points, with touchdown passes to Odell Beckham Jr., and then to Roger Lewis.

The picks made by Landon Collins and Andrew Adams put the Giants up 14-0, and after two long drives from Philly resulted in a chip shot field goal and missed fourth-and-two try, New York was up 14-3 and rolling. The ugly fourth down play was a designed Wentz run that lost 5 yards, and lost Philly possession.

But the Eagles defense settled down, getting a couple key stops, and Wentz eventually found his groove as well, connecting on a deep bomb to newly activated rookie Bryce Treggs for 58 yards to set up an 8-yard Ryan Matthews run to cut things to 14-10.

The Giants got their lead back to two scores midway through the second, finishing an 86-yard drive with a second TD pass to ODB in the back of the end zone.

Philly once again came away with zero points on a short field a drive later, when a near punt return for a touchdown by Darren Sproles resulted in another red zone fourth down try — this one a failed Sproles scamper.

Having left six easy first-half points off the board, Philly got a three-and-out and a couple Wentz-to-Jordan Matthews connections gave Philadelphia another scoring chance, but a leaping Jason Pierre-Paul blocked Sturgis' field goal try — taking even more easy points off the board from the Eagles.

The Giants failed on their own fourth-and-short try, and the two rivals went to the locker room with a 21-10 spread.

After a short break, the Eagles came out with energy on offense, plowing downfield thanks to a big Sproles run and big catches by Agholor and Matthews, setting up a Kanjon Barner touchdown run to cut the Giants lead to 21-17.

The Giants' energy was just as high on their ensuing drive, as Sterling Shepherd beat Malcolm Jenkins deep catching a 32-yard bomb to up the lead, once again to 11 points.

The Eagles cut it to a one possession game after more impressive offense, driving deep into Giants territory before settling for a field goal and 28-20 deficit. They after a few first down runs from Paul Perkins, Nolan Carroll III ripped a pass out of Beckham's chest for an interception. The turnover didn't lead to much offense for Philly, which went three-and-out.

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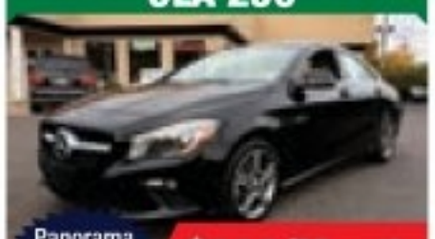
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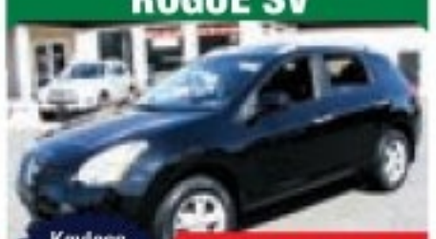
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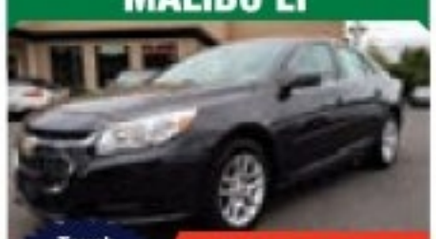
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Joel Embiid has made the Sixers watchable again, but how long will that last if they continue to blow big leads and lose every game? GETTY IMAGES

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Joel Embiid has been a revelation in limited minutes, but the team can't hang on to leads down the stretch.

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Losing franchises find new ways to drop games. Whistles go silent from referees. Shots don't go in at crucial moments down the stretch. Turnovers get committed at the worst possible time.

All of these factors are plaguing the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Sixers overcame an 18-point deficit and had a terrific chance of upsetting the defending NBA champion Cleveland Cavaliers before a raucous sellout crowd Saturday night at the Wells Fargo Center.

But six turnovers in the final three minutes, a noncall against Gerald Henderson and some clutch baskets by the Cavs proved to be too much to overcome in a frustrating one-point loss.

The Sixers fell to 0-5 and lost for the 42nd consecutive time in October or November, dating to an overtime victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Nov. 22, 2013. Last season, the Sixers started 0-18 and 1-30. They're 47-204 since head coach Brett Brown took over three-plus seasons ago.

"We really do need a win," said Sixers rookie center Joel Embiid. "I thought we should have three wins by now. But that's basketball. Great players make plays."

Embiid showed flashes of brilliance with 22 points, six rebounds, four blocks and going 4 for 4 from beyond the arc in 25 minutes. Imagine how his stat line would play out over a 48-minute game. It's chilling in a great way.

That's the good news.

"He's a good player," Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue said of Embiid. "He's a big, strong guy. He's physical. I thought our guys battled. We wanted to save it for the right time to double-team him."

It's back to the drawing board for the struggling Sixers, who will host the Utah Jazz on Monday night followed by a home-and-home Wednesday and Friday with the Indiana Pacers.

"The sad part is when you look at the complete body of work, especially after the first period, there's a lot of great stuff that came out of it with these guys," Brown said.

A one-point loss to the defending champions counts the same as a 35-point blowout. There have been encouraging signs like Embiid's progress and a solid performance from Jahlil Okafor (14 points).

At some point, the Sixers simply need a win.

Otherwise, the players and head coach will continue to get peppered with questions they don't particularly enjoy answering. No one likes talking about losing streaks all the time.

To be fair, the Sixers are missing No. 1 overall pick Ben Simmons along with Jerryd Bayless and Nerlens Noel. Until the team is complete, wins will likely be scarce.

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The Sixers have played five games with four at home. They are still without a win. Moral victories aren't good enough anymore.

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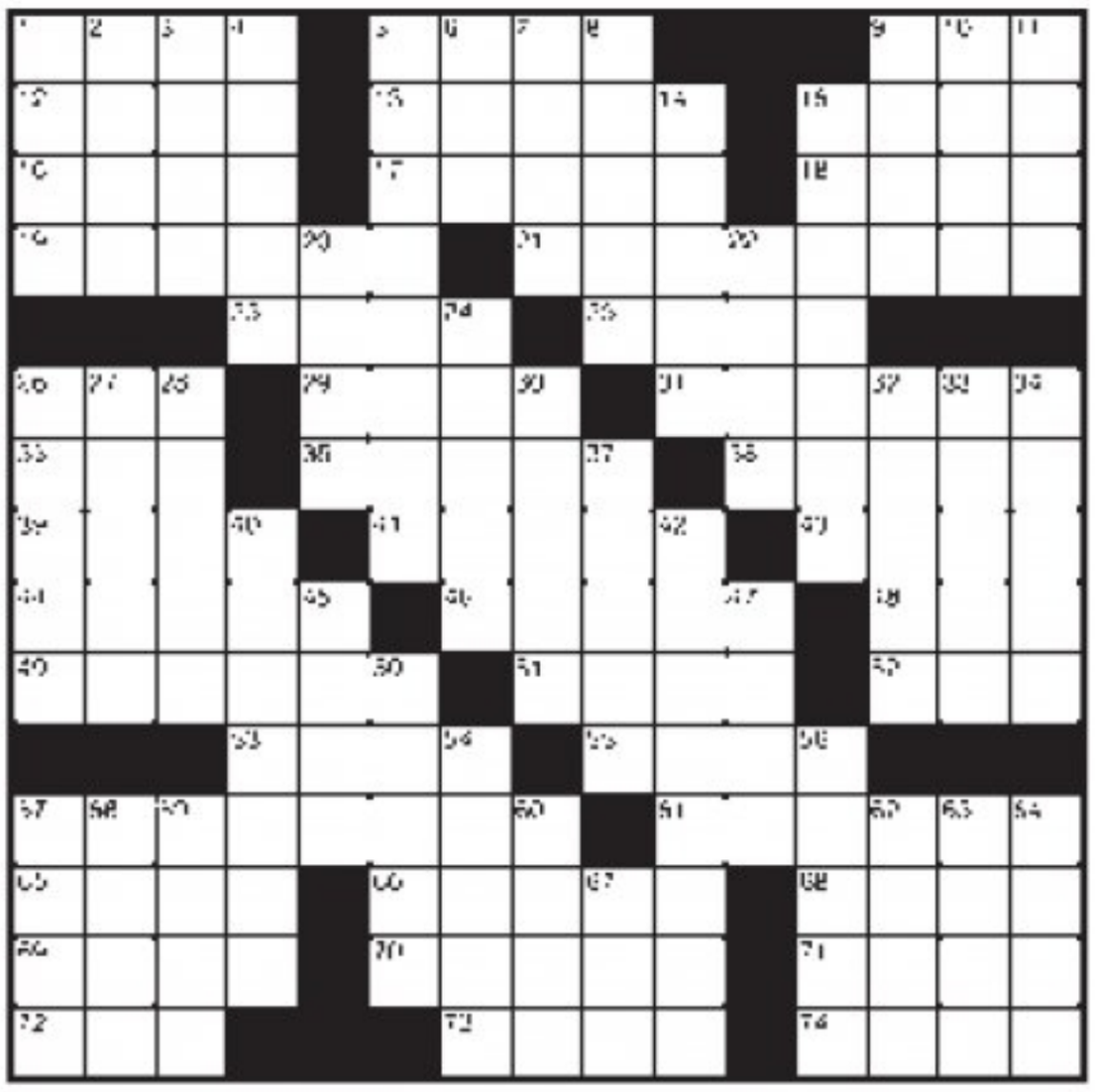

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**Gemini** Evaluate your current personal position, and discuss what you want to do with someone you trust and respect. Only then will you be able to make the best decision.

**Cancer** Do your own thing. Explore creative pursuits and consider attending an event that will broaden your outlook or teach you tricks that will speed up daily chores.

**Leo** Verbal confrontations will not be in your best interest. Stick to the truth, but don't give the impression you know everything. You will gain more from listening.

**Virgo** Stay focused on what's important to you. Check out new ways of accomplishing old goals. Your persistence and ability to articulate what you want will serve you well.

**Libra** Work on you. Self-improvement will bring happiness and satisfaction. Trying to change others will result in disappointment and an unwanted change in relationships.

**Scorpio** Follow your desires, and make each moment count. Look for the good and the positive in every situation and act accordingly. Don't give in to negativity or bullying.

**Sagittarius** A business trip or meeting will result in an opportunity. Don't be reluctant to make suggestions. An honest and emotional response will help prevent deception.

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